

News From

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DOYLE ANNOUNCES TWO WHITE TIGERS WILL JOIN ZOO'S SUMMER COLLECTION

County Executive Jack Doyle today announced that two white Bengal Tigers are being brought to the Seneca Park Zoo this summer to be exhibited from April 13 through Labor Day.

“Bringing animals like these beautiful cub tigers to our Zoo helps build respect for and understanding of the importance of conserving and nurturing wildlife,” said Doyle. “Long term projects under development, like the Asian Forest, will continue to enhance the Zoo permanently. But, bringing in animals such as the tigers on a temporary basis provides expanded opportunities for the community to view wildlife they might otherwise not see.”

County Executive Doyle has requested that the Monroe County Legislature authorize \$26,600 for rental of the tigers from the Nashville Zoo at Grassmere located in Nashville, Tennessee. Funds for the agreement are already included in the Monroe County Parks Department Animal Trust Fund.

FACTS OF INTEREST

Bengal Tigers originate in India and when full grown can weigh up to 500 pounds. Adult females generally weigh between 400 and 450 pounds. Tiger's faces each have unique stripe patterns. From a tiger's point of view, no two tigers look alike. A white tiger is caused by a mutated gene that appears periodically in the species. White tigers can't survive in the wild because of a lack of camouflage.

The Seneca Park Zoo hosts between 400,000 and 500,000 people annually making it the most popular family attraction in the County.

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